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To Kay Morrison

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Subject RE: Regarding chemical trespass in Traingle Lake, Oregon
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Good morning Kay,

Thanks for all your references. I will study them over the weekend and get back to you next week.
Thanks

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> Subject: Re: Fw: Regarding chemical trespass in Traingle Lake, Oregon and everywhere

> To: (b) (6)

> From: Morrison.Kay@epamail.epa.gov

> Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2012 16:55:25 -0800

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> Dear Mr (b) (6),

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> Thank you for your patience – our resources are limited and there has
> been a tremendous amount of interest from the study participants – I'm
> sorry it has taken me so long to get back to you with answers to your
> questions.

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> First of all, let me explain that EPA writes and enforces regulations
> based on Laws and Acts created by the US Congress. We value public
> participation, we encourage people to be informed and to participate at
> every level of this decision making process.

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> In response to your question about the precautionary principle, EPA does
> not use the precautionary principle, instead we use a risk assessment
> approach. We've funded at least one study on implementing the
> precautionary principle, but to date I have not heard that the agency
> intends to change our policies.

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> In response to your question about chemical trespass, to my knowledge it
> is not directly addressed in any of the laws EPA enforces. EPA has
> primary responsibility for registering pesticides and "product"
> compliance (production, sales, marketing, import/export) while states
> usually have primary authority over the "use" of pesticides. These
> responsibilities are established by law.

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> Finally, EPA's goal is an informed public. Below are links to a wide
> range of information that you may find useful:

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> Our Pesticides website includes information on ways the agency is
> working to regulate and reduce exposure to pesticides:
> <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/>
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> Here is additional information on public involvement in pesticide
> regulatory actions:
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> <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/registration-public-involvement.html>
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> Here are some of the laws covering pesticides that form EPA's
> regulations:
> <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/laws.htm>
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> Here is some information about EPA's responsibility for pesticides:
> <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/index.htm>
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> Here is a link to EPA's environmental justice work:
> <http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/plan-ej/index.html>
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> You can search EPA's "frequent questions" database:
> <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/faq.htm>
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> Or you can ask a question of the EPA librarians:
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> <http://publicaccess.supportportal.com/ics/support/ticketnewwizard.asp?style=classic>
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> And you may already know that the Oregon Health Authority maintains a
> website for the Triangle Lake / Hwy 36 Pesticide Study:
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> <http://public.health.oregon.gov/HealthyEnvironments/TrackingAssessment/EnvironmentalHealthAssessment/Pages/Highway36TriangleLakeExposureInvestigation.aspx>
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> I hope this information is of use to you.
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> Sincerely,
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> Kay Morrison
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- > Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can
- > change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. --
- > Margaret Mead